

Weekly Video Update July 26, 2021

Heritage Days will kick off with a Lighted Boat Parade on Friday, Aug. 6, at 8:30 p.m. in Scituate Harbor in conjunction with the Luminaria along the coast of Scituate. Viewing from Scituate Lighthouse, Museum Beach, Cole Parkway and First Cliff.

Events continue Saturday, Aug. 7 and Sunday, Aug. 8 with a vendor fair in Cole Parkway, kiddie carnival, baby animal petting zoo, entertainment for the kiddos, local musicians, food court, beer and wine tent and more. On the water will be the dory/boat races and Lighted Boat Parade. Local fishermen will host a family-friendly event on the town pier. There will be something for everyone.

Town officials ask those with personal watercraft to be sure there is identification on the craft. A paddle board was found floating in the harbor which set off a search for a potential missing person involving police, fire and the Coast Guard. It turned out to be a false alarm.

Special stickers for watercraft are available at the Harbormaster's Office and at the Coast Guard station. They are free. Every craft should have an ID on it so if it gets loose, officials can contact the owner.

The water main project on Utility Road is complete apart from testing the service to individual homes. Old Oaken Bucket is closed to through-traffic during the water main installation. The next area for water main work is Brook Street in the Harbor. The pipes are stacked behind Maria's.

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau reports due to all the rain this month water usage is below normal. That is helping to keep the manganese levels in the town reservoir low. Town usage last week was 1.386 million gallons a day. Despite a full reservoir and all the rain, phase one of water restrictions are still in place. Water ban is on for outdoor sprinkler use. Visit: Scituatema.gov for more details.

Residents may notice large equipment at the Water Treatment Plant near the Rotary. Pilot studies for a new water treatment plant are about to get underway. There will be tests to determine the best treatment for Scituate water. Additional information is forthcoming.

The highly-contagious Delta variant is present in Massachusetts and is driving Covid numbers up across the country.

There was one Covid case in Scituate last week and down from two the previous week. The town's positivity rate is up slightly. The Delta variant is mainly affecting those who are not vaccinated. There have been some break-through cases with vaccinated folks but those cases have been mild and rarely require hospitalization.

The Country Way sidewalk is wrapping up. Handicap ramps are down. Next up is putting a basecoat along the sidewalk and moving poles that interfere with handicap accessibility. Once finished, design work for the Stockbridge Road sidewalk will start. We will be able to walk all the way from No. Scituate to the Harbor.

Work on the popular PJ Steverman inline skating rink at the high school be completed by early September. The old rink is being demolished and will be rebuilt. The project is being paid for with Community Preservation Act funds.

We hit a big milestone this week at Well 17 A, green sand filter at Tack Factory Pond. We will be connecting power to the facility this week and we hope to be on line late in the fall. This will provide 250,000 gallons a day of good clean water with no iron or manganese. In the past the water was put in the reservoir. This is a big milestone in terms of controlling brown water.

The Widows Walk \$2-1/2 million clubhouse project will wrap up this fall. The project is on time and on budget. The new, expanded facility will include a restaurant. Once complete, the town will go out to bid for a restaurant manager. The golf course is in great shape.

New sewer regulations are in effect for homeowners. To ensure compliance with local and state standards and to prevent potential service issues for new homeowners, the Scituate Sewer Division will require any properties preparing for transfer of sale of the property, and connected to Town Sewer, to contact the Sewer Division at **781-545-8736** for a review of existing conditions and/or to inspect the existing sewer service. Visit scituatema.gov/dpw and look for the sewer division for more.